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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))

international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

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the claims:

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PCT/SE2004/001599**Box No. V** Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the general state of the art.

The invention defined in claims 1-10 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the fixture for forming unit loads. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-10. is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. A fixture for forming unit loads to be received on two or more loading ledges (8), which unit loads after forming are lifted from the fixture together with the loading ledges (8), **characterized** in that the fixture is to receive the loading ledges (8) and that it has means to adapt the positions of the loading ledges (8) depending on the size and form of the unit loads to be formed.
5. The fixture of claim 1, **characterized** in that it has an approx. rectangular frame, formed of at least two parallel long struts (1) and at least two parallel short struts (2) at the ends of the long struts (1).
10. The fixture of claim 2, **characterized** in that a further number of intermediate, short struts (3) are arranged between the long struts (1).
15. The fixture of claim 2 or 3, **characterized** in that transversal bars (4) are arranged moveable on the long struts (1), with the ends of each bar (4) on each long strut (1).
20. The fixture of claim 4, **characterized** in that feet of the loading ledges (8) are to be received in cups (5a, 5b) arranged on the fixture, at least some of which cups (5) are arranged moveable and lockable on the transversal bars (4).
25. The fixture of claim 5, **characterized** in that two cups (5a, 5b) are arranged on each transversal bar (4).
30. The fixture of claim 4 or 5, **characterized** in that four transversal bars (4) are received on the frame.
35. The fixture of any of the claims 4 to 7, **characterized** in that each moveable cup (5a) has a support (7), having legs (10) straddling a transversal bar (4) and a locking screw (9) received in an opening of one of the legs (10) of the support (7).
9. The fixture of any of the claims 4 to 8, **characterized** in that each transversal bar (4) has supports (6)

straddling the long sides (1) of the frame and that the supports (6) have locking means to lock the position of the transversal bar (4).

10. The fixture of any of the previous claims, **characterized** in that the height of the frame is adjustable.